

PRELIMINARY REPORT

2015: E10 – *House and Hahl Road*

APPLICANT: Harris County Engineering Department

KEY MAP: 365

JURISDICTION: Harris County

LAMBERT: 4464

DISTRICT/PRECINCT:
Harris County Pct.: 3

PROPOSAL:

Harris County is requesting the deletion of Major Thoroughfare House and Hahl Road, between Peek Road and the Grand Parkway, from the Major Thoroughfare and Freeway Plan (MTFP). The Major Thoroughfare is currently classified with 4 lanes and a 100-foot right-of-way (T-4-100).

APPLICANT'S JUSTIFICATION and HISTORY:

In 2013, an amendment was approved to delete Major Thoroughfare House and Hahl Road from Westgreen Road to the Grand Parkway from the MTFP. The House and Hahl alignment previously crossed the Grand Parkway; however, the design of the Grand Parkway did not account for a grade separation given the proximity to the Bridgelands Creek Parkway interchange. House and Hahl Road west of the Grand Parkway has been tied back to Bridgelands Creek Parkway along a feeder road in order to cross the Grand Parkway. This is consistent with the Parkland Village General Plan, where House and Hahl Road is shown as a feeder to Bridgelands Creek Parkway.

The applicant contends that this amendment should be considered because the MTFP only shows a two mile segment of this roadway designated as a Major Thoroughfare west of the Grand Parkway, which is not a desirable length for a Major Thoroughfare. The designation of a dead-end roadway functioning as a feeder road is inconsistent with the MTFP objectives. The applicant also states that there is sufficient road circulation and mobility by the Grand Parkway having interchanges at North Lake Bridgelands Parkway, Bridgelands Creek Parkway and Tuckerton Road. Also, existing House and Hahl Road was abandoned north and east of the Grand Parkway back in 2013. The roadway still exists as a private road.

The applicant contends that if we leave the Major Thoroughfare as it is currently shown on the MTFP without the amendment, bottlenecks would occur as traffic from the Major Thoroughfare House and Hahl Road would transition to a feeder road along Grand Parkway and terminate at Bridgelands Creek Parkway.

The deletion of House and Haul Road between Peek Road and the Grand Parkway would leave an approximate 1-mile segment of House and Haul Road from Peek Road to the extension of Bridgelands Creek Parkway. This remaining segment should be reclassified as a Major Collector in the future because of its short length.

Portions of House and Hahl Road were first identified on the 1997 MTFP as Herbert Road. Prior to this time, many of the east-west thoroughfares were unnamed and not clearly defined between Cypress North Houston and Tuckerton Road. The 1997 MTFP shows Herbert Road as a Major Thoroughfare from Fry Road to the western ETJ boundary.